

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE LOWER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
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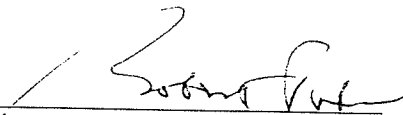
Public Notice

Take notice that on **JUN 09 1998**, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of Lower Alloways Creek Township in Salem County, amends the Lower Alloways Creek Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP). The amendment combines the two existing non-contiguous Harmersville and Hancocks Bridge Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) sewer service areas into one sewer service area to be served by the existing Hancocks Bridge STP. In addition, land areas falling within 200 feet of the proposed new force main connecting these two existing sewer service areas to be located along New Bridge Road between the existing sewer service area and Cuff Road; along Cuff Road between New Bridge Road and Hancocks Bridge-Harmersville Road; along Hancocks Bridge-Harmersville Road to the existing sewer service area boundary near Locust Island Road; as well as some land areas along Harmersville-Cañton Road adjacent to the Harmersville service area were also added to the sewer service area of the Hancocks Bridge STP. There are four existing houses located along the proposed force main route that are located within this proposed new sewer service area.

Once a pump station and approximately 6,000 linear feet of force main are constructed and operational to direct wastewater flows from the Harmersville area to the Hancocks Bridge STP, the Township will decommission the existing Harmersville STP which discharges about 12,000 gallons per day (gpd) to Coopers Branch, which is a tributary of Alloway Creek. The Hancocks Bridge STP is permitted under the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number NJ0050423 to discharge 50,000 gpd into Alloway Creek which is classified as Fresh Water Two - Nontrout Waters/Saline Waters of Estuaries 1 (FW2-NT/SE1) according to the Surface Water Quality Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:9B). The Hancocks Bridge STP presently discharges about 15,000 gpd; therefore, no expansion to this STP was proposed as part of this amendment.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues will be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which were not reviewed in conjunction with this amendment but which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: antidegradation; effluent limitations; water quality analysis; exact locations and designs of future treatment works (pump stations, interceptors, sewers, outfalls, wastewater treatment plants); and development in wetlands,

flood prone areas, designated Wild and Scenic River areas, or other environmentally sensitive areas which are subject to regulation under Federal or State statutes or rules.



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